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## '66 Freshman Orientation Program Week of September 12-18

Orientation Week — Sept. 12-18— will be a busy week for the freshmen next fall, starting Monday afternoon, Sept. 12, at 1:00 with the A.C.T. test to a program of praise on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Tuesday morning starts early with tests for all freshmen. Library orientation, meetings with advisors, and a speech by the Dean of Students will keep the newcomers busy that day.

Registration and sports activities will be highlighted on Wednesday by a picnic supper and hootenanny at Sandy Hollow. On Thursday the sophomores and upper classmen will invade the campus for their registration and a general mixer at night.

Classes will commence on Friday morning with a film "Lilies of the Field" to be shown in the auditorium the same night. A hike at Newton Hills is planned as the main attraction for Saturday. Eight members of the faculty will accompany the freshmen to set the pace. Meals will be cooked out in the open, as the true pioneers did. In case of emergency we hope the commons will be prepared for a sudden deluge of hungry hikers.

In short, a week packed with activities is in store for the newcomers.

—J.S.

### ACTIVITY NIGHT FIRDAY

Three distinctively different areas of interpretation will be attempted by the Thalias on Thalian Activity Night, April 29. An original product of the collaboration of John Byker and Jim Vanden Bosch uncovering the behind the mike activities of a

### TWO SENIORS RECEIVE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich. has awarded assistantships to two of our graduating seniors. They will work and study for an eight month (two semester) period from September through April.

Dave Netz received a \$2300 Departmental Assistantship in Library Sciences. He will be working from fifteen to twenty hours a week updating bibliographies, etc. and doing research. No teaching is involved.

Delmar Vander Zee received a \$2400 Assistantship in the Dept. of Biology. He will work as a lab, assistant and take about six to eight hours of graduate courses.

Congratulations from the Diamond.

radio disc jockey will be set to pantomime by several Thalian hams. Story telling and children's creative drama will also be featured along with a combination of folk poetry and song.

Balancing the new is the tried and true: a reader's theatre presentation of Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People* (to be presented later at the Tri-State Speech Contest) and the reading of humorous poetry by Mamie Haan and Alan Huisman. And again demonstrating the originality of the evening will be a farce on slap stick humor and Stu Williams reading four of his own poems.

So if you're looking for originality, Thalias have it! We hope you like it!

—J.B.

## SCIENCE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The program committee of the Science and the Christian Faith lecture series, under the chairmanship of Dr. Alberda, is pleased to announce that Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen, of Calvin Theological Seminary, will address the spring meeting of the series. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 14.

Dr. Van Elderen graduated from Calvin College in 1949, received his B.D. degree from Calvin Seminary, his M.A. from the University of California, and his Th.D. from the Pacific School of Religion. He has taught at Calvin College, the Near East School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, Jordan, and is now the Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary.

He is also a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, the American Academy of Religion, the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, the Archaeological Institute of America, and the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.

Dr. Van Elderen gained experience in his field of Biblical archaeology when he joined the Wheaton Archaeological Expedition in 1962 and 1964 in excavating the site of the city of Dothan. As a member of the staff of the British Institute of Archaeology, he also found ruins of early Christian churches in central Turkey.

The address at Dordt will be part of a lecture tour of this area. Dr. Van Elderen will lecture in the Prinsburg and Edgerton, Minnesota, areas May 11 and 12. The talk delivered to the audience at the Dordt College auditorium is entitled: "Archaeology's Contribution to a Hermeneutical Framework for Theology and Science."

The program committee of the Science and the Christian Faith lecture series was very pleased at the attendance of the symposium concerning the Days of Creation held last fall. The committee hopes that those who wish to apply their Christian faith to the area of science will continue to attend these meetings.

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### IOWA ACADEMEY OF SCIENCES

Members of the Biology and Mathematics Departments of Dordt College attended the meetings of the Iowa Academy of Sciences recently. The meetings took place Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The delegates heard three major addresses and smaller lectures delivered to sectional meetings.

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by Jay Levering

Once upon a time in days of yore an old enfeebled prophet came to a rich king and begged an audience. Since the king respected the teachings of the prophet, he generously granted his request. The prophet immediately began his tale of woe.

"O King," he wheezed, "in your kingdom there lives a man who has a huge farm which employs some 500 men. Nearly all the employees eat in a delicatessen he has built for that purpose. However, the men are over-charged for their meals and the excess money is taken by the farmer and spent on his farm. Not only this, but the meals are somewhat less than desirable and many of the men would rather eat at other competitive delicatessens which strive for culinary excellence since they compete with other eating establishments. Furthermore, O King," the prophet continued, "many of the men do not eat the morning meals but are forced to pay for them anyhow. O King, help the men."

At this the king was exceedingly wrath and immediately inquired of the prophet who this man was.

### TENSION-PRESSURE-PAIN

Tension seems to be mounting among the student body as evidenced by some "nasty" pranks which have been observed of late. Late newcomers to the scene should be informed that if they ever lose anything it will probably turn up on the gym ceiling, behind the new library, or on stage in the gym.

Tension, it seems, is also getting the best of the administration lately, which will probably be evidenced by a rise in tuition rates next year. Since your reporter feels he must be loyal to the students and simultaneously beware of those in authority, the following proposition is in order: If there are any conscience-ridden bystanders who feel that they must furnish confessions or money to the office, yet don't quite dare for fear of reprisals, I will be happy to act as a go-between to quell any potential riots.

By the way, I hear complaints about the validity of entrusting the care of Santa to the Sophomore class. Can this be true???

—D.N.

## Was Denken Sie?

by Herr John Schuurman

Due to a lack of controversial topics on campus, your writer has decided to give students the opportunity to express themselves anonymously on any subject they desire.

Surprising as it may seem, many students didn't have anything to say. Maybe most of the students are satisfied with everything. I certainly hope that isn't the case. When the state of affairs arrives at this point of "no comment" either pro or con, we are living in Utopia or . . . Some students, thankfully, did have something to say:

"The whole matter of the change of exam schedule has been horribly bungled. First of all, the student council had absolutely no right to camouflage their personal opinions on such a specific case in the guise of general student consent. Secondly, if the faculty felt that the general mode of testing was unsatisfactory, they should have waited until the end of the semester to exact a change. The change-ability of circumstances of our complex world is clearly demonstrated by the fact that a change which was thought to be highly desirable as a result of extensive research should one and a half years later be reversed."

"The only thing I want done around here is to have the old kind of livesavers put back in the candy machine."

"I think chapels should be limited to spiritual topics. Subjects such as drama and science almost become lectures. Chapel isn't the proper place for such speeches."

"Well, there is one thing that I'm really getting sick of around here. Everybody is so terrible cynical. No matter what you do or how you do it, everybody knows about it and everybody has to tell you what they think. Why don't people appreciate something for what it's worth? Can't they give credit for somebody trying? It really makes me mad."

"I don't like all the kids who slam the pre-sems. Just because we have to study more than most people, isn't a sign that we're aloof. No matter what we try to do we are always criticized for it."

"Well, first of all, I don't like the food in the commons. Second-

ly, I think the curfew is stupid and unnecessary."

"I think the students general attitude around Dordt is poor. They are either overly cynical or completely complacent. They either don't express themselves at all, or their expressions are demoralizing or degrading. It's time for a more positive attitude and some really constructive activities which the whole student body participates in."

### SOCIALISM CRITICIZED

At a closed session of the Political Science Club, Mr. Louis Van Dyke, a Dordt instructor, presented a fairly detailed critique of a speech by former gubernatorial Socialist-Labor candidate, Mr. Eldred Baurers (See **Diamond**, March 14). At the outset, Mr. Van Dyke related that Baurers' particular "brand" of socialism was one of the nearly 75 which exist within and without the confines of the United States today. Then, after sketching a brief history, the club sponsor proceeded to unmask the fallacy of Baurers' socialistic creed. For instance, the "economic-motivation" theory of this pseudo-marxian socialist was exposed by the history instructor, who went on to assert other pertinent factors of human motivation. Using historical proof, he dislodged the "economic causes of war," the "class struggle," and the "capitalist-worker relationship," all tenets propagated by the Socialist-Labor Party.

As to dissecting Baurers' speech tactics, Van Dyke pointed out several emotional appealing references and also indicated some misused quotations. In reference to the tactics used by this extreme group, and others like it, he remarked: "Any organization that depends on half-truths, quotes out of context, non-identification of sources, and appeals to our emotions isn't deserving of our serious attention." The third-year tutor at Dordt, then concluded the meeting by asserting that these brands of falsehood could be "seen through" by a proper study of history.

The club also discussed matters of cataloging material in their special rack and briefly mentioned possible programs for future meetings. Incidentally, for those non-members who were graciously allowed to sit in on Baurers' speech, there is still time to sign the membership roster, pay the dues, and acquire lawful access to future P.S. Club meetings.

—J.A.B.



## Eleven Games On Baseball Schedule

After being rained out Wednesday, April 20 the baseball team will open its season today with a single game at Estherville. The team has an eleven game schedule this year and the members are itching to meet the first pitch. Although much valuable practice has been lost because of the weather, the team should be ready for today's game.

The baseball roster for the 1966 season is:

Jaye Levering, infield, pitcher  
John Vander Maten, infielder  
Terry Jonker, catcher  
Bob Miedema, outfielder, pitcher  
Don Ver Meer, first base, pitcher  
Jon Brower, outfield, infield  
Mike Du Mez, second base  
Bill Janssen, shortstop  
Leroy Logterman, outfield  
Gerry Stiesma, outfield  
Gene Hoppers, infield, pitcher  
Stan Vander Kooi, outfield  
Larry Van Wieren, outfield, pitch.  
Willy Verhof, outfield

The schedule of games with their times and places is as follows:

Apr. 25—Estherville T., 3:30, 1 g.

April 28—John Kennedy, H., 2:00  
2 games

May 3—Gen. Beadle, T., 1:00,  
2 games

May 5—Augustana, T., 12:00,  
2 games

May 10—Northwestern, H., 2:00,  
2 games

May 12—Westmar, H., 3:00,  
1 game

May 17—Estherville, H., 3:30  
1 game

All home games will be played in Sioux Center at the town ball park at the southwest end of town.

## The Student Council Reports....

.... that the Thaliens' Activity Night has been re-scheduled for April 29.

.... that Delores Logterman has been awarded the \$5.00 prize for the best design. Construction of the float will begin within the next few weeks.

.... that the proposed budget for 1966-67 is now in a faculty committee.

.... that all who are qualified and interested in campaigning for Student Body President should begin working. Details will continue to be posted on the bulletin board.

M.R.

## DORDT APPRECIATION DAY

Members of the Sioux Center Civic Club met April 1 in the Commons to discuss plans for a drive to raise money for the purchase of new books for Dordt's library. Initial contributions totaling \$2,000 were made by the members. A four-man committee was appointed to contact the people in and around Sioux Center. The typing class of the local high school contributed by typing addresses on letters of solicitation which were sent to 720 homes throughout the community. For each \$10 received the name of the donor will be printed in a book.

On Monday night, April 18, Dordt's music department, representing the faculty, administration, and student body responded in appreciation to this effort to provide much needed funds to the Dordt College Book Club. This is the second year that the Civic Club has sponsored the drive.

D.N.

## VISITING CHEMIST

The Program of the Visiting Scientist in Chemistry is sponsored by the Division of Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society. The National Science Foundation furnishes most of the support for the program. The program has as its stated objectives 1) to strengthen and stimulate chemical programs in colleges; 2) to allow college chemistry people to come in contact with productive and creative chemists; 3) to aid in motivation in chemistry careers and teaching.

The chemist who visited Dordt College is Dr. Ronald T. Pflaum, the Vice-chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City. Dr. Pflaum's research interests lie in optical methods of chemical analysis.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 20, at 4:00, Dr. Pflaum spoke on the topic "Color in Chemical Analysis." Thursday morning he met informally with the chemistry students and at 2:00 delivered a talk on "Color and Chemical Constitution."

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## NEW LIBRARY CHECK-OUT SYSTEM — P.S.

In a move to update its recent library project and to accommodate students who might desire to take out material overnight, the Political Science Club has added a self-operating check-out system as a new feature to the library.

The library, a recent project of the



—Aldon Kuiper

## Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man by Thomas Mann

Mann has achieved success as a German novelist and writer by his book *Doctor Faustus*, but since *Confessions* is one of Mann's last works, it is one of his most intriguing. It is a story of a criminal, Felix Krull, who considers himself as an artist for art's sake. He narrates his education for crime and view's his life as being of itself a work of art. By his thefts and deceptions, Krull shows that he is motivated by an ambition to express his talent skillfully, as is shown by his spurious epileptic fit before the draft recruitment board in Germany, rather than by desire or want.

But sometimes Krull steps out of character as a scoundrel and addresses the reader with moral generalizations. Some of these ideas are adopted by the author from his predecessor, Goethe. Mann also briefly expounds on the philosophy of nihilism, as is evident when Professor Kuckuck tells Krull that "Life has not always existed and will not always exist. Life is a fleeting episode on the scale of the aeons."

In the story Krull develops an attitude of supremacy to all whom he encounters, even to the reader. He addresses the reader as if apologizing for condescending to the intellect and interest of the reader. It is this attitude that he portrays in his brief romances, although he forgets it momentarily when he is enchanted by the secrets of the universe which Professor Kuckuck shares with him.

Political Science Club, is well-stocked with a variety of current controversial political material. Featured at both extremes is the John Birch Society publication and the newspaper of the Communistic party.

Students are invited to take a few seconds to browse through the available material. And, of course, for those wishing to check out the material, the self-operating check-out system is available.

A wealth of political material on these newly-erected shelves is awaiting the interested students. —JAB



## Editorial

—John Vander Maten

Times magazine recently carried the headline that God is dead. What was our reaction to this statement. Were we shocked or did we laugh it off assuming that it was only the trivia of some southern malcontents. The thing that struck me most upon reading the article was the lesson that we can learn from it. Just how alive is God to us. Have you ever taken the time during your busy day to consider how alive God is in our lives? When the people of other or no faiths look at us, can they see that God and our belief in God is a true and vibrant part of our lives? The answer for the majority of us would have to be, I doubt it. Being prepared to weather the cries of hypocrisy I would like to list a few situations. When we are having the evening bull sessions, does our language befit those who have a truly "living God?" In sports, when things are not going our way, does our language show our love and respect for our God? When you sneak a game of cards or a drink can people that see

you believe that you serve a living God? I never have and never will lay claim to living a perfect or near perfect life, but this controversy has stirred up questions in my life and perhaps it should in yours also. How alive is God to you. I have the feeling that for most of us, if God is not dead, he is in a severe rundown condition.

"ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 9—God, creator of the universe, principal deity of the world's Jews, ultimate reality of Christians, and most eminent of all divinities, died late yesterday during major surgery undertaken to correct a massive diminishing influence.

Reaction from the world's great and from the man in the street was uniformly incredulous. . . From Independence, Mo., former President Harry S. Truman, who received the news in his Kansas City barbershop, said 'I'm always sorry to hear somebody is dead. It's a damn shame.'" (Times Magazine April 8, 1966). Well, how dead is our God?

## I-M Gems

by John A. Byker

To whom it may concern:

The intramural writer sighingly repents of any undue attention to potentially-powerful volleyball teams of Dordt College. As you remember, he confidently assigned first-spot positions to the PUSSEYCATS and the SPARTANS. Sad to say, the SPARTANS seem to be unaccustomed to lighter vestments of warfare and continue to play as clumsily as if arrayed in full metal battle garments. The PUSSYCATS, on the other hand, are too gentle to raise any first place fur. But, as a matter of protocol, the columnist is obligated to stick with his choice and swallow his words.

Scheduled for an early-May debut, track makes its initial appearance in the intramural curriculum. The I-M council has appointed the following students to serve as head captains of each class:

Freshmen: Duane Bakker, Mamie Haan.

Sophomores: Bill Janssen, Jean Meyer.

Juniors: Eldon Dyk, Nadene Bouma.

Seniors: Doug De Boer, Lois Van Beek.

Each aspirant is to contact his team captain and indicate his track and-or field qualifications. Applicants are urged to do this as soon as possible. A list of events has been posted in the main building. Reportedly, the I-M council is dreading an overwhelming response to the co-ed relay race.

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Final registration procedures are being completed for the last major I-M sport this season—softball. The number of teams involved and the scheduling of games has not yet been released. More on that next time. According to the shower chatter, the varsity baseball team, after regular season play, wishes to challenge the intramural softball champions. In this rather diminutive World Series, the varsity men want to play the I-M's rules and the I-M's game. Hmmm!!

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Softball is around the corner and school is nearly out—last chance for those amateurish Dordt critics to get that last big grand slam.

## GROTENHUIS CONDUCTS CHOIR WORKSHOP

Dale Grotenhuis, member of the Dordt College Music Department, who is away on a year's leave of absence and is working on a doctoral program at Ohio State University, recently travelled to California to conduct a church choir workshop sponsored by the Southern California Christian Reformed Churches. While there, Mr. Grotenhuis also adjudicated at the California Christian High School Music and Speech Contest at Valley Christian High School in Bellflower. Miss Jan Van Sant, 1965 former Dordt Concert Choir member, accompanied the massed members. Mr. Grotenhuis was able to observe some of his former music students in their classroom teaching.

## REJOICE IN CHRIST!

Hairless Dogs and Wisconsin townsmen, snowballs and cold water, fellowship and song were all part of the spiritual retreat held at Lake Okoboji on March 25 and 26. Accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. G. Rozeboom as chaperones, about fifty students attended the retreat sponsored by the prayer groups.

Snowball fights, singing at the lake front, cooking meals, eating together—all lent a feeling of camaraderie which enhanced the spiritual experience of Bible study and meditation.

After the dishes were all carefully washed Friday evening, Rev. Tjapkes helped create a devotional atmosphere with his discussion of Philippians 1 and 2. This was followed by buzz sessions and informal discussions relating to personal spiritual problems. Everyone then retired to the individual lodges for personal devotions. At 11:30 taps concluded the day. A few hours later reveille awakened everyone to the aroma of (burning) pancakes and sausages.

In the Saturday meditations Rev. Tamminga heightened the devotional intensity by his emphasis upon personal commitment and a life of rejoicing in Christ in spite of all adversity. To many, the retreat proved a very rewarding spiritual experience, a time of honest soul-searching.

"... Rejoice and lift our colors high . . ." Dordt's Alma Mater resounded through the lodge and over the lake, as the second stanza received new meaning in the light of Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."